

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **HB 631 - SB 1163**

March 6, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines “certified medical technician” (CMT) and establishes circumstances in which a certified medical technician may administer medication.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$336,500 Recurring  
\$31,200 One-Time**

**Increase State Revenues - \$367,700**

#### **Assumptions:**

- Currently there are 36,000 certified nurses aides (CNA) employed in nursing homes. It is estimated that 50%, or 18,000, of these individuals will pursue a medical technician certification. Also, 5,300 CNAs were added to the registry in 2006. It is estimated that 50%, or 2,650, will pursue the certification resulting in a total of 20,650 CNAs pursuing the certification to administer medication.
- In 2006, there were 27,000 active licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and 1,146 newly licensed LPNs. It is anticipated that there will be an increase of twice this amount of new CMTs due to a shorter training period and nursing homes wanting to employ this level of practitioner.
- It is anticipated that there will be a total of 22,900 CMTs.
- A Public Health Nursing Consultant 2 will be needed to provide supervision to the staff, to provide a liaison to the Board of Nursing, to test service and nursing home industry, to survey the training programs, to respond to inquiries and educate the public.
- Two Administrative Service Assistant 2 positions will be needed to review and approve applications and criminal background check results.
- Two Licensure Technicians will be needed to build files.
- One Attorney 3 and two Legal Assistants will be needed to process anticipated numbers of disciplinary actions. (Of the 27,000 LPNs, there were 199 complaints in 2006, 101 of which were drug related.)

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- The increase in recurring expenditures for the additional positions is estimated at \$336,500 which includes salaries and benefits (\$317,700), printing and duplication (\$1,000), communication (\$1,000), supplies (\$5,600), and communications and technology support (\$11,200). The increase in one-time expenditures is estimated at \$31,200 for office set-up and supplies.
- The Board of Nursing will contract with an examining entity to develop and administer the examination. The individual seeking the medical technician certification will pay the exam fee directly to the examining entity. The examining entity will recoup the development and administration fees through exam fees.
- The Board of Nursing, by statute, is self supporting such that revenues equal expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director